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1. Yugoslavia has two naval schools for the education of the Merchant Marine; the Naval School and the Naval Technicum. The Naval School is a one-year secondary school, preparing the lower seamen, while the Naval Technicum offers a three-year program for higher technical specialists.
2. Both schools are having little success. At the end of all three school terms the grades of fifty percent of the students have been unsatisfactory. In some instances this has risen to as many as seventy percent failures. The students have failed particularly in technical subjects. In order to improve this situation, a preparatory first-year course of the nautical section of the Naval Technicum has been opened in Kotor this year. A similar course for the machine section has been opened in Bakar. However, both courses have been even less successful; in Kotor at the end of the first semester, fifty percent of the pupils received unsatisfactory grades, and in Bakar, after the third term, there was not a single student without one unsatisfactory grade.
3. The causes for such a failure are many: lack of books makes it necessary to have courses dictated; shortage of paper; yearly changes of program in all sections of the Naval Technicum which have prevented the publication of permanent courses; over-ambitious school programs which provide for the teaching of fifteen subjects in every section, including three foreign languages; frequent changes of teachers; teachers overloaded and are inaccessible to the students; lack of motivation among students; finally, the Party and youth organizations are much more devoted to voluntary building works, political meetings, and similar activities.

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